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1. "In Rumania today, there are three categories of people eligible to receive medi-
cal assistance. They are as follows:

- a. State employees within the field of labor: this category of
person receives medical attention through the Sanitary
Dispensaries of the State Institution (plant, enterprise, etc.)
for which he works. Drugs are issued to this category
through the drug stores of these Sanitary Dispensaries.
Formalities for hospitalization, while performed by the
Sanitary Dispensaries of the State Institutions, must be re-
ported to the City-Sector and sub City-Sector Sanitary Dis-
pensaries. Expenses of hospitalization are borne by Social
Insurance funds of each institution.
- b. Families of State employees, State pensioners and their
families: this category receives medical attention through
the sub City-Sector Sanitary Dispensaries. Drugs are issued
through the State Drug Stores in the sub City-Sectors.
Hospitalization depends on the City-Sector and sub City-
Sector Sanitary Dispensaries, and expenses are borne by the
Social Insurance Fund (for State employees and families)
and by the Pensioners' Fund (of the People's Board of the
City-Sector, Pensions Section) respectively.

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c. People not within the field of labor: In this category are grouped all individuals, including private businessmen, owning a private shop, etc., who have no ties whatsoever with a State Institution (even through their relatives). Medical attention for this category is provided through the City-Sector and sub City-Sector Sanitary Dispensaries. Medical treatment, for this group, is handled as follows:

1. for a minor injury (small cut, bruise, minor accident, etc.) any private citizen, regardless of his social origin, could apply directly to either the City or sub City-Sector Sanitary Dispensaries or the hospital First Aid Stations, for medical attention. There, medical assistance was granted him as it was anyone else. When the aid had been given, he was required to identify himself with a Biroul Populatiei (for Rumanian citizens), or with the new Id Card (for foreigners). This identification was routine. It registered the ailment, the treatment given, the drugs prescribed. All personal data, and date of treatment, etc., was recorded.

2. more serious cases of sickness or accident, requiring urgent attention or hospitalization, were also dealt with directly by the hospitals of the City-Sector. (Urgent cases were given the same attention as in categories A and B above.) A private citizen could call an ambulance himself. Hospitalization was immediate in critical cases. In these cases, as in less serious cases, above, identification was made after indicated treatment had been given. Treatment of minor injuries (cuts, bruises, etc., above) was free of charge. Treatment of more serious ailments, or accidents, had to be paid for if one possessed the money to pay. If not, he had to obtain a Poverty Certificate from the People's Board of the City-Sector. The Poverty Certificate was procured only after treatment or hospitalization was granted, and after the individual had been sent home from the hospital.

2. "For private individuals, treatment of a chronic ailment, (such as a liver complaint) and issuance of drugs, were handled neither by sub City nor City-Sector Sanitary Dispensaries. In these cases, a private individual had to rely completely on his own finances, and on private physicians, or doctors still having a medical ambulatory [sic]. So even hospitalization, in these cases, depended upon if money and procurement of a physician.

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Burghelea's clinic is nationalized, and bears the name of a Unified Hospital No. (??) Burghelea is the Chief Surgeon in his own clinic, a State employee. Apart from his hospital work, Burghelea has his own private ambulatory at home (authorized by the State, for which he pays unknown amounts of duty and taxes).

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The operation plus two home visits cost 800 Lei. Hospital accommodations (usual class) cost 15 Lei per day at the former Burghilea Clinic.

Nowadays, private visits are priced as follows:

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Normal visit at doctor's ambulatory	25.00
Normal visit at patient's home	50.00
Normal visit at Professor-Doctor's ambulatory	50.00
Normal visit of Professor-Doctor to patient's home	75.00
Private dentist, teeth filling; each tooth	50.00
Private dentist, one gold inlay, (gold procured by patient)	200.00

3. "Dental Clinics existed only in connection with a hospital, and dealt only with State employees and their families, and with Pensioners and their families (categories A and B, above).
4. "In any City-Sector, there were two or three hospitals [see Enclosure A], supervised by the Sanitary Section of the City-Sector People's Board.
5. "Private doctors, not acting for the State, could issue prescriptions for any kind of drug, except penicillin, streptomycin, PAS, and RIMIFON. Private citizens, themselves, procured these drugs on the black market; prices follow:

	Lei
US brand penicillin, per 100,000 units	25.00
US brand penicillin - oil type, per 300,000 units	100.00
Danish penicillin, oil type, with syringe, per 300,000 units	110.00
US brand streptomycin, per gram	45.00
Canadian brand streptomycin, per gram	30.00
RIMIFON, per tablet	6.00 - 7.00

200 tablets of RIMIFON, the drug most in demand in Bucharest, for the [Tuberculosis], cost approximately 1400 Lei, and could represent a month's supply.

For laborers and pensioners and their families, no foreign made drugs are available in State Drug Stores, even with prescription. There are only Soviet and East German brands of drugs available for these, as indicated below:

Soviet brand penicillin, per 100,000 units	12.50
Polish brand penicillin, per 100,000 units	12.50
East German brand streptomycin, per gram	15.00

Note: The East German brand of streptomycin, is rather good.

6. "Authorities have prohibited citizens from receiving parcels with medicines from abroad, in order to curtail the black-market sale of drugs, and also because this constituted a semi-legal way of sending money to relatives.

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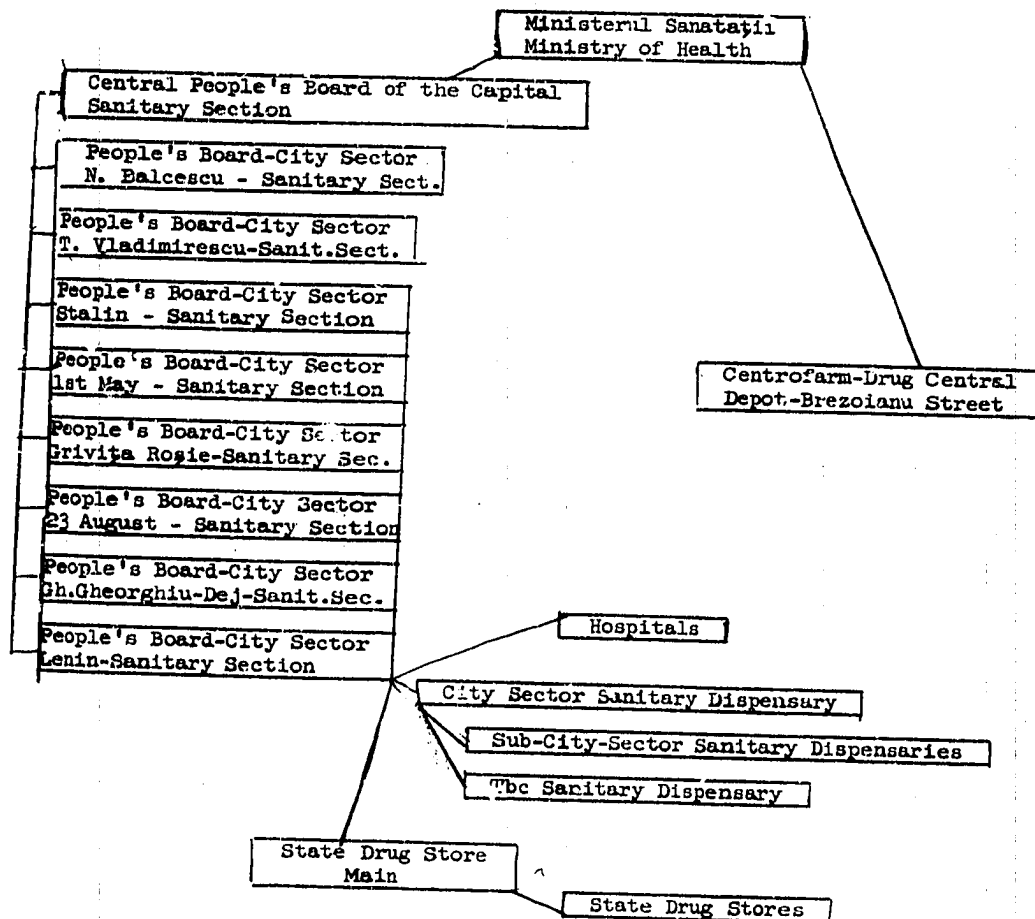
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Enclosure A - Organizational Chart of the Ministry of Health

Centrofarm is the central Drug Depot for all Hospitals and State Drug Stores.
 Sub-City-Sector Sanitary Dispensaries - existing two or three per City-Sector
 Tbc Sanitary Dispensaries exist one per City-Sector
 All State Drug Stores are numbered. In any City-Sector, however, are a
 Main State Drug Store, and four or five State-Drug Stores.